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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: THE COURTSHIP CONTINUES

REF: NDJAMENA 1688

1. PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE ISSUED WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL GOC OFFICIALS WHO HAD RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO THE OFFICIAL MID-DAY RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY THAT THEIR ATTENDANCE WAS MANDATORY. AS A RESULT JULY 4TH CEREMONIAL RECEPTION WAS HIGHEST CONCENTRATION TOP GOC OFFICIALS SEEN IN N'DJAMENA IN RECENT MEMORY. THE FEW ABSENCES WERE QUICKLY, PROFUSELY AND SINCERELY EXCUSED BY PHONE CALLS FROM MINISTERS, THEIR SECRETARIES OR DIRECTORS OF CABINET AND IN EACH CASE THE EXCUSES SOUNDED VALID AND THE EXCUSERS ALMOST DESPERATELY SINCERE. A FURTHER DEPARTURE FROM CURRENT PRACTICE OCCURRED WHEN MINISTER OF JUSTICE BRAHIM SEID PRONOUNCED A SHORT ALLOCUTION FULL OF HIGH PRAISE AND GREAT LOVE AND AFFECTION FOR THE U.S. "WHICH TWICE SAVED THE WORLD FROM DISASTER AND HAS NOW IMPOSED A "PAS AMERICANA" (SIC) ON THE WORLD." DESPITE THE MINISTER'S USUAL STATE OF INEBRIATION OR PERHAPS BECAUSE OF IT THE WHOLE WAS DELIVERED WITH A FINE POETIC RESONANCE WHICH REFLECTED AN OBVIOUS SINCERITY AND AFFECTION.

2. COMMENT: THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES OF COURTSHIP ARE THAT THEY BE RECOGNIZED AS SUCH AND THAT IT BE APPRECIATED.
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